

Russell G. Chew
Air Traffic Organization
Chief Operating Officer



On June 10, 2003, U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta selected Russell G. Chew as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). As the COO, Russell Chew oversees the operational and financial performance of the U.S. air traffic control system and the FAA's research and acquisition programs.

Mr. Chew came to the FAA from American Airlines, Incorporated. During his career with American he served as a line-qualified captain on the B-767, B-757, and MD-80 aircraft. At the airline's Technical Flight Operations, he managed daily technical operations and regulatory requirements. Chew's management experience also includes systems development and engineering.

In his last position at American Airlines, he managed the airline's System Operations Control where he was responsible for directing the day-to-day operations at American's central control center. He also oversaw Strategic Operations Planning for the airline, which included the evaluation, acquisition, and implementation of new aircraft and ground technologies for airline fleet and operations planning.

Russell Chew's service to the aviation community includes serving as chair of the Air Traffic Control Steering Committee for the Air Transport Association and the Flight Operations Committee for the International Air Transport Association. He was also on the Board of Directors of ARINC, Incorporated and ATN Systems, Incorporated. His industry activities focused primarily on current and new Federal air traffic control system requirements, technologies, and global air traffic control modernization programs.

A native of Los Angeles, California, Chew attended Stanford University for his undergraduate studies and earned his doctoral degree at the University of Southern California.